

# Island could receive \$2.5M in new budget

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ALBANY — Nearly \$2.5 million will be spread across more than 25 special Staten Island programs in legislative action expected today.

State lawmakers are meeting to approve most of a \$39 billion state budget, featuring tax cuts, education and welfare increases, new program spending, and measures aimed at reduced public borrowing.

Now overdue by four days, the budget for the fiscal year that began Sunday at midnight already includes \$7 million for design of a merged College of Staten Island campus in Willowbrook.

Capital projects contained in a 700-page budget bill voted up last night designates the grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center as the new CSI site. State officials expect SIDC to cease operations in 1987.

Gov. Mario M. Cuomo requested the funds. He also sought \$8 million for equipment to tell scientists more about chemicals that pervade Staten Island air, but legislative leaders agreed to put \$5 million to that purpose.

Also included in the budget is \$200,000 to study the health effects of polluted air on Staten Islanders.

The Legislature also funded \$5.4 million as the state's share of rehabilitation costs at the St. George Ferry Terminal, the South Ferry IRT station in Manhattan, and waterfront piers.

Other funds will go to physical renovation at South Beach Psy-

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chiatric Center and for an infirmary at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility.

Operations and local assistance portions of the budget, due out today, include Island cultural, educational and service programs.

These areas will contribute to the state grants to the Snug Harbor Cultural Center in Livingston. The cultural center is seeking a renewal of the \$370,000 in state funds allocated in last year's budget.

A score of programs in last year's budget, many of them supported by Senate Finance Chairman John J. Marchi, received the same or increased funding levels this year.

In addition, there are a handful of programs not previously included but placed in the budget at the request of one or all of the four Island lawmakers.

A \$40,000 allocation goes to the Martin Luther King-Heritage House project, which one legislative aide here noted is currently "under audit" by outside investigators.

The Advance obtained a preliminary list of the Island programs this morning. Among those not on a similar list Marchi issued this time last year were:

- Staten Island Treatment Alternative to Street Crime, \$300,000.
- Daytop Village, \$150,000.
- SKIP of New York (Sick Kids in Need), \$60,000.
- West Brighton Senior Citizens Center, \$40,000.

- Southeast Annadale Woodlands, \$40,000.

- Camelot Drug Program, \$25,000.

- Stapleton Houses Tenant Patrol, (police auxiliary), \$5,000.

Among programs on last year's list which received increases were:

- Richmondtown Restoration, \$225,000, up from \$200,000.

- Staten Island Children's Museum, \$150,000, up from \$125,000.

- Eden II Institute, a home for the autistic in Clifton, \$40,000, up from \$25,000.

- Integrated Home Care Services of Community Agency for Senior Citizens, \$75,000, up from \$70,000.

- Society for Seamen's Children, \$60,000, up from \$50,000.

- Learning Institute of the Jewish Culture Center, \$105,000, up from \$85,000.

Other funding continued based on last year:

- High Rock Conservation Center, \$56,000.

- Staten Island Cooperative of Continuing Education, \$250,000.

- Young Peoples Information Center, \$80,000.

- Sandy Ground Historical Society, \$50,000.

- Staten Island Zoological Society, \$300,00.

- Jacques Marchais Center for Tibetan Art, \$50,000.

- Staten Island Botanical Garden, \$75,000.

- North Shore Anti-Crime Program, \$25,000.

- On Your Mark, Inc., \$45,000.

- Staten Island Parents for the Autistic and Developmentally Disabled, \$10,000.